

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME**

**Call to Order:** Chair John Brenden, on March 17, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Brenden, Chair (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Emge, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 395, 3/12/2015

Executive Action: SB 309 - Do Pass As Amended  
HB 450 - Be Concurred In As Amended

**HEARING ON SB 395**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:13 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 395, Revise laws related to youth hunting.

[EXHIBIT\(fis55a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:59 Scott Boulanger, self

[EXHIBIT\(fis55a02\)](#)

00:08:18 Jon Wemple, Montana regional representative, Safari Club International (SCI)

[EXHIBIT\(fis55a03\)](#)

00:15:08 Warren Illi, Flathead Wildlife Inc., Thompson Lake Shores Homeowners Association

[EXHIBIT\(fis55a04\)](#)

00:18:29 Brian Solan, president, Montana Wild Sheep Foundation

00:20:47 Mac Minard, executive director, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis55a05\)](#)

00:25:05 Chair Brenden

00:25:13 Elaine Taylor, speaking on behalf of her 10 year old nephew, Gage Sliter

[EXHIBIT\(fis55a06\)](#)

00:25:57 Sen. Hinkle entered the hearing.

00:27:33 Bill Warden, self

00:28:30 Paul Rossignol, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MT SFW)

00:29:12 Mark Taylor, speaking on behalf of his 2 daughters; Morgan, age 14 and Regan, age 9.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:31:04 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:37:49 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen's Alliance (MSA)

00:40:36 Debby Perry, self

00:42:33 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association

**Informational Testimony:**

00:46:49 Wayde Cooperider, supervisor, Outdoor Skills and Safety, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:47:30 Sen. Phillips  
00:48:08 Mr. Cooperider, FWP

**EXHIBIT(fis55a07)**

00:49:18 Sen. Hinkle  
00:50:18 Mr. Cooperider  
00:50:41 Sen. Ripley  
00:51:32 Mr. Golie, MWF  
00:52:27 Sen. Ripley  
00:53:05 Sen. Blasdel  
00:53:51 Sen. Ripley  
00:54:38 Mr. Cooperider  
00:55:12 Sen. Facey  
00:56:04 Sen. Blasdel  
00:56:08 Sen. Facey  
00:56:51 Chair Brenden  
01:01:31 Mr. Golie

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:01:43 Sen. Blasdel  
01:03:22 Sen. Fielder left the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 309**

01:07:48 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 309 DO PASS.**

01:08:28 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 309 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fis55a08)**

**Discussion:**

01:08:50 Sen. Hinkle  
01:11:45 Sen. Vuckovich  
01:11:54 Sen. Phillips  
01:12:15 Sen. Hinkle

**EXHIBIT(fis55a09)**

01:13:52 Sen. Vincent

01:14:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Vincent voting no. Sen. Fielder voted by proxy.

01:15:07 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 309 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:15:16 Sen. Ripley  
01:16:10 Sen. Hinkle  
01:18:02 Sen. Vincent

01:19:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Vincent voting no. Sen. Fielder voted by proxy.

01:20:13 Chair Brenden

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 450**

01:20:21 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 450 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:20:29 Sen. Phillips  
[EXHIBIT\(fis55a10\)](#)

01:20:59 **Motion:** Sen. Phillips moved that **HB 450 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:21:28 Sen. Hinkle

01:21:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Brenden voting no. Sen. Fielder voted by proxy.

01:22:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 450 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 8-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey and Sen. Phillips voting no. Sen. Fielder voted by proxy. Sen. Fielder will carry the bill.

01:22:49 Chair Brenden

**Committee Business:**

01:23:42 Sen. Vincent  
[EXHIBIT\(fis55a11\)](#)

01:24:13 Chair Brenden  
01:25:10 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
01:25:13 Chair Brenden

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:27 pm

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fis55aad.pdf](#))